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EXHIBIT #VIII.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas A. Desjardin, Acting Commissioner*

DATE: January 14, 2015

SUBJECT: Provisional Adoption of Amendments to State Board Rule Chapter 61 –
Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, governs the expenditure of Maine taxpayers' dollars in support of safe and effective schools that support the demands of 21st century education. Extensive needs for improved education facilities across the state make it imperative that the rules be kept clear, current, and supportive of the state's education goals. The Department of Education and the Construction Committee of the State Board of Education have worked jointly to propose modifications to Chapter 61.

Key aspects of this revision include:

- To bring clarity to the language;
- To bring consistency to the language and;
- To revise Chapter 61 to comply with recent statutory changes.

A public hearing on the proposed rule was held on Monday, November 3, 2014. No one testified at the hearing. No comments were received during the period reserved for public comment. In addition to the Public Hearing, the Rule has been submitted to the appropriate State entities in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Acting Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education provisionally adopt the proposed amendments to Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, in accordance with the State of Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On December 1, 2014, the Construction Committee voted to recommend that the State Board of Education provisionally adopt the proposed amendments to Chapter 61 – Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

* Prepared by the Division of School Facilities